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SUBJECT: WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION

REF: DEPT MEMCON JUNE 8, 1974 (S/S 7411342) AND MEXICO

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1. AMBASSADOR FERNANDO CASTRO Y CASTRO WHO HANDLED MULTI-LATERAL MATTERS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, REQUESTED AMBASSADOR TO CALL IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO) WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE UIOT (UNION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF TOURISM). HE CLAIMED THAT FIFTY-ONE COUNTRIES HAVE NOW RATIFIED THE CREATION OF THE WTO AND URGED THAT THE UNITED STATES ALSO DO SO.

2. HE REMINDED US THAT MEXICO IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION AND CLAIMED THAT IT HAS LATIN-AMERICAN, AFRICAN AND CONSIDERABLE EUROPEAN AND THIRD WORLD SUPPORT. OTHER CANDIDATES ARE ZAGREB, ISTANBUL, MADRID, GENEVA, AND NEW DELHI. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT ZAGREB. HE THOUGHT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ZAGREB COULD WIN ON THE FIRST ROUND OF VOTES AND HOPED THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD CONSIDER ITS

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COMMITMENT TO YUGOSLAVIA SATISFIED WITH A VOTE ON THE FIRST

ROUND AND WOULD THEN FEEL FREE TO SUPPORT MEXICO ON  
SUBSEQUENT VOTINGS.

3. THIS WILL BE DECIDED AT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF UIOT  
WHICH WILL BE HELD IN PANAMA IN LATE NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER.  
THERE THE DECISION WILL BE TAKEN ON THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UIOT WHICH HE ALSO HOPES WILL BE HELD  
IN MEXICO.

4. CASTRO Y CASTRO WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTH TO STRESS  
THE ADVANTAGES THAT WOULD ACCRUE TO THE UNITED STATES AS  
THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR WERE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE TOURISM  
ORGANIZATION TO BE PLACED IN MEXICO. IT WOULD STRENGTHEN  
THE CURRENTS OF WORLD TOURISM TO BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND  
MEXICO, AND FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE POINT OF VIEW WOULD GIVE  
THE UNITED STATES THE CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGES OF NEARNESS  
TO HEADQUARTERS.

5. AS CASTRO Y CASTRO SOMEWHAT JOKINGLY REMARKED, UNITED  
STATES SUPPORT FOR MEXICO ON THIS MATTER WOULD COMPENSATE  
FOR OUR FAILURE TO AGREE THUS FAR ON A NEW CIVIL AVIATION  
AGREEMENT. THE AMBASSADOR IN A SIMILARLY JOKING VEIN SUG-  
GESTED THAT SOME MEXICAN CONCESSIONS ON CIVIL AVIATION MIGHT  
EVEN CREATE A MORE RECEPTIVE MOOD IN WASHINGTON FOR ITS  
ASPIRATIONS RE THE SEAT OF THE TOURISM ORGANIZATION.  
CASTRO Y CASTRO DID NOT RISE TO THE BAIT.

6. CASTRO Y CASTRO REITERATED HIS DESIRE FOR BILATERAL  
DISCUSSION WITH THE U.S. ON TOURISM (SEE MEXICO 7874,  
OCTOBER 17, 1973) AND INDICATED HE COULD VISIT WASHINGTON.

7. PLEASE ADVISE. JOVA

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